

REMARKS

Claims 17-28 have been indicated as being allowed in the Notice of Allowance/Allowability mailed March 22, 2004.

Upon review of the allowed claims, it was noted that a typographical existed in Claim 17 where the phrase "in which the copolymerization molar ratio of either one of D-lactic acid" was included twice, sequentially. Thus, the current amendment is necessary to correct the obvious typographical error.

This amendment also includes cancellation of claims 8-11, as cancelled by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance at page 2.

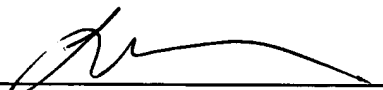
Applicant avers that no new subject matter is being added by virtue of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner in advance for consideration of this amendment. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if that would be helpful to expedite entry or resolve any matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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